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1. There are three armament shops in Plzen. Number one has 800 workers, number two has 400, and number three has 300. At present, 25 percent of the shops' work is on armaments. The rest is on locomotive tenders, dredges, and diesel engine parts. 25X1A
Comment: According to another report, the plant produces two locomotives per week, large number of marine heavy-duty crankshafts, electric motor lathes, bridges, and tractors.)
2. Armaments: 80 medium tanks with an 88mm gun of the old Skoda type are being completed mostly from old German parts. They will be shipped to Switzerland.
3. Work is also being done on eight 210mm guns, with mobile undercarriage. These will be sent to Argentina if current negotiations for 80 guns of this type are completed.
4. The new cannon for the Russian Army is almost completed. The main difference from the ordinary type is a wider and heavier undercarriage and modifications for the use of Russian explosives. Thus far, two tests have been completed but only for mobility and mechanical function. The final firing tests with Russian explosives are to be conducted for Russian observers during the first part of July.

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